

City of Selah  
Council Minutes  
February 25, 2020

Regular Meeting  
Selah Council Chambers  
115 West Naches Avenue  
Selah, WA 98942

A. Call to Order Mayor Raymond called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Kevin Wickenhagen; Jacquie Matson; Jeremy Burke; Clifford Peterson;  
Roger Bell; Christopher Lantz; Russell Carlson

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Rob Case, City Attorney; Rick Hayes, Police Chief; Gary Hanna, Fire  
Chief; Monica Lake, Executive Assistant

C. Councilmember Absence – Motion to Excuse

D. Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Bell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

E. Invocation

Pastor Jason Williams gave the prayer.

F. Agenda Changes

**REMOVE:**

M – 1a: General Business: Land Use Proposal

**AMEND:**

R-1: Executive Session to 30 Minute Session – Potential Litigation RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)  
and Real Estate RCW 42.30.110(1)(c)

G. Public Appearances/Introductions/Presentations **None**

H. Getting To Know Our Businesses **None**

I. Communications

1. Oral

Mayor Raymond opened the meeting.

Katrina Henkle, Executive Director of the Selah Downtown Association (SDA), approached the podium and addressed Council. She introduced herself as the new Executive Director of the SDA and spoke about the façade grant, saying that applications are due Saturday and that although they have handed some out none have been received back. She said that next month they would be accepting applications for the beautification grant, there was a Cash Mob at Wright's Insurance planned for Wednesday, and there would be a Sip and Stroll event on April 17 with ten local businesses.

Mayor Raymond wondered what Sip and Stroll was.

Ms. Henkle replied that it was a pairing of local businesses with a winery, brewery or distillery and a food vendor who come into the business to serve food and drinks, and this allows those participating to become familiar with things they haven't tried before.

City Administrator Wayman asked where the event was publicized.

Ms. Henkle responded that it's all over Facebook and they were getting ready to send out flyers to the companies involved to hand out.

Seeing no one else rise to speak, Mayor Raymond closed the meeting.

2. Written None

J. Proclamations/Announcements None

K. Consent Agenda

Executive Assistant Lake read the Consent Agenda.

All items listed with an asterisk (\*) were considered as part of the Consent Agenda.

\* 1. Approval of Minutes: February 11, 2020 Council Meeting

\* 2. Approval of Claims and Payroll:

Payroll Checks Nos. 83388 – 83402 for a total of \$212,724.06

Claim Checks Nos. 74449 – 74504 for a total of \$156,579.71

**Council Member Peterson moved, and Council Member Wickenhagen seconded, approval of the Consent Agenda as read. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.**

L. Public Hearings None

M. General Business

1. New Business None

2. Old Business None

N.	Resolutions	<b>None</b>
O.	Ordinances	<b>None</b>
P.	Public Appearances	<b>None</b>
Q.	Reports/Announcements	

1. Departments

Police Chief Hayes had no report.

Council Member Bell thanked him for his annual report, which he found very informative.

Fire Chief Hanna said that they had done an internal promotion at the first of the year, promoting Scott Willis to the training officer position. He remarked that they started with nine recruits and all are still there and doing well. He spoke briefly about other department matters, such as having the Edith House for the end of March and beginning of April, Deputy Fire Chief Lange and Training Officer Willis working on a new officer core for the volunteers, Deputy Fire Chief Lange slated to attend the annual wildland class, meeting with their mutual aid partners, and keeping an eye on legislation that will affect their volunteers.

City Attorney Case had no report.

2. Council Members

Council Member Carlson inquired about power bill charges on a couple houses.

City Administrator Wayman responded that he would have to check on that.

Mayor Raymond suggested that they were City houses.

Council Member Carlson thought maybe they could be.

Fire Chief Hanna commented that it could be their rental house.

Council Member Carlson stated that it was not owned by the City.

City Administrator Wayman reiterated that he would check into it.

Council Member Carlson said that wheelchair basketball was last week, and although the Seniors wouldn't let anyone else win, the Selah Fire and Police Departments took second place.

Council Member Lantz had no report.

Council Member Bell gave an update on the pool, saying that the insulation in locker rooms was completed and is waiting on graphics to be completed on the walls, but the maintenance area was still to

be done within the next thirty to sixty days. He went on to say that they also have a verbal agreement to address and begin the deck repairs as early as next week, although if they can't start prior to April 1 then they would delay to September, but they hope it will be accomplished by early May. He said that last night the SPRSA board agreed to hire Amy Ozanich as aquatics director, listing her qualifications and certifications.

Council Member Peterson had no report.

Council Member Burke had no report.

Council Member Matson said that she attended the YVCOG meeting at Nana Kate's last week, where they were served a wonderful meal, and there was an excellent guest speaker who talked about the challenges of ransomware attacks that many cities have faced. She added that she found it a very interesting topic.

Council Member Wickenhagen said that they had a finance committee meeting last week, and it was a blessing to be part of the Council and town right now, as their finances are very healthy. He added that it was good not to need to shuffle money to pay accounts.

3. City Administrator

City Administrator Wayman had no report.

4. Boards

a. Planning Commission Minutes for January 7, 2020

5. Mayor

Mayor Raymond commented that a gentleman came into the drive-in looking for the SPRSA office.

Council Member Bell responded that they don't have an office, but they accept information at Doctor Lemmon's office.

Mayor Raymond asked if they need to speak to anyone in particular.

Council Member Bell replied that they would need to talk to Dr. Lemmon.

Council took a five-minute recess.

R. Executive Session

2. 30 Minute Session – Potential Litigation RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and Real Estate RCW 42.30.110(1)(c)

Council went into Executive Session at 5:54m. At 6:24pm, Council went back on the record. Mayor Raymond stated that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

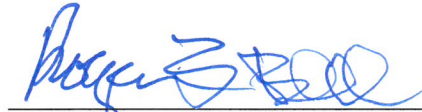
City Administrator Wayman requested a motion to review the contract between the cities of Yakima and Selah regarding the trolley line.

**Council Member Wickenhagen moved, and Council Member Peterson seconded, to review the contract between the City of Yakima and the City of Selah regarding the trolley line. Mayor Raymond called for a show of hands in favor and a show of hands opposed. Motion failed with three for and four against.**

S. Adjournment

**Council Member Carlson moved, and Council Member Burke seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm.



Roger Bell, Council Member



Jacquie Matson, Council Member

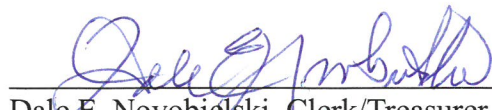


Jeremy Burke, Council Member

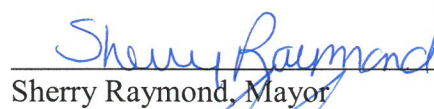


Christopher Lantz, Council Member

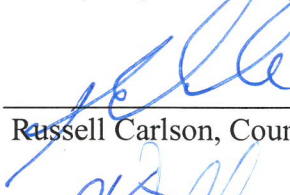
ATTEST:



Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer



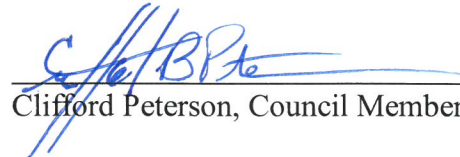
Sherry Raymond, Mayor



Russell Carlson, Council Member



Kevin Wickenhagen, Council Member



Clifford Peterson, Council Member